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## REFERENCE TO "BIR"

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No.: 1796

20 December 1944

To VIKTOR[i].

Your number 5823[ii]. Further to our No. 956[iii].  
~~[5 groups unrecovered]~~ 16th of December.

*after visiting BIR's town on*

~~[57 groups unrecoverable]~~[iv] [a]

BIR[v] not sooner than a month as he has to get himself firmly established [ZAKREPIT'SYa] in the new place. Further intrigue is difficult.

No. 977  
 20th December.

ANTON[vi]

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.

[ii] Not available.

[iii] NEW YORK's no. 956 was transmitted under external serial number 1741 of 12th December 1944 [S/NBF/T489]. MAJ stated therein that they ought to pay "BASS" [covername of Michael W. BURD] 25,000 dollars in connection with the transfer by him of money to

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the COUNTRYSIDE [i.e. Mexico]. The funds had been promised by "MAKSIM" and "TWIN".

[iv] It is most improbable that this gap conceals another internal serial number, as all the numbers in the range of no. 977 are accounted for. Thus, it would appear that "BIR" was involved in the affairs with which "BASS" was concerned - probably the arrangements for obtaining Mexican transit visas for "THE COUPLE" [Nicolas and Maria FISHER].

[v] BIR: not identified. Formerly known as ELL.  
No other references are available.

[vi] ANTON: not identified.

T.N. [a] *The first group in this gap, which probably forms part of the name or covername of the subject of the sentence, falls in the range beginning AR, AS, AT, AF, AKh.*

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